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## YUNNAN PROVINCIAL TROOPS REVOLT AGAINST GOVT

### Nationalist Officials Told To Quit Province REBELS SEIZE AIRFIELD

A revolt against the Nationalist Government has occurred in Kunming, capital of China's South West Province of Yunnan, according to message received by the "China Mail" yesterday.

#### Disastrous Fire In Chungking; 1,000 Killed

Canton, September 4. The Chinese Central News Agency reported today that 1,000 persons had died in Chungking, as that wartime capital in Western China was swept by the worst fire in its history.

Seven thousand dwellings were buried and more than 100,000 persons left homeless, it reported. The fire, which started on Friday afternoon, raged for 18 hours, it said. Its cause was unknown.

Hundreds of the victims sought escape from the flames by plunging into rivers, only to drown.

Central News said 616 charred bodies had been found thus far in ruined buildings.—Associated Press.

#### Increase In River Piracy

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Canton, September 4. River piracy has reached such unprecedented heights that most towboats have suspended service, while the security authorities are yet unable to cope with the outrage.

Extortion letters were received by delta towboats and steamers on the Canton-Hong Kong run. One of the latest recipients is the Butterfield and Swire steamer *Fatshen* which received the threat last week after she came out of annual overhaul.

The river bandits attempt to extort various amounts in a lump sum or in monthly instalments.

The waterways around Canton are so numerous that the navy and land garrison forces are helpless to do anything.

Passengers on river vessels patronise steerage accommodation under the impression that it is safer to travel in the lower part of the ship than on the outer ventilated top deck. This is good protection against firing from shore, but bandits often lay mines.

Because of the river danger, more people are travelling on trains between Canton and Hong Kong.

#### The Weather

At 0600 GMT (2 p.m. IRBT) two typhoons, 650 miles apart and moving NNE at 15 knots, a tropical depression in the Western end of the Balingtang Channel, about 350 miles ESE of Hong Kong is moving W at 5-10 knots. From it a trough extends W and SW across the China Sea to Indo-China. Pressure remains high over NW China and in a ridge extending from the Yellow Sea to the Pacific E of Hokkaido.

Today's Forecast—Moderate winds, freshening and backing, fair at first, becoming cloudy with rain developing later.

Yesterday's Weather—Maximum: 86 deg. Fah. Minimum: 77.6 deg. Fah. Sunrise: 10.5 hours.

Rainfall: Nil. Total since Jan. 1-1471.4 mm.=57.94 in., an average of 175.5 mm.=8.41 in.

Readings at 10 a.m.: 10.5 deg. Fah.

Barometer at mean: 1009.0 1009.5 mb.

Wind: 23.7 m./sec. 55.8 km./hr.

Humidity: 81 86.7%.

Wind: 75 75 deg. E.

Wind Direction: E by S 225°.

Wind Force: 8 18 knots.

Wind: 80.4 m./sec. 17.5 km./hr.

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Former German Field Marshal Erich von Manstein, 81, appeared before a British military court at Hamburg, Germany charged with 17 war crimes relating to his activities in World War II. He is shown in profile, looking towards the camera, wearing a dark suit and glasses. Two German counsels are visible in the background.

### Manstein War Crimes Trial

## Reds Meet With Difficulties In Southern Drive

Shanghai, September 4. The trickle of news from the South Central China Provinces of Hupeh and Hunan provinces hints that the Reds' drive along the Hankow-Canton railway is not going too well.

The Reds have been menacing Canton from the Kiangsi-Kwangtung border region, which is well South East of this area, but the drives into Kwangtung have been by irregulars.

There is some doubt whether these irregulars are capable of taking Canton even though backed up by General Liu Po-cheng's main force along the Kwangtung border so long as strong Nationalist forces hold flank positions along the railroad.

Recently, Nationalist General Pai Chung-hsi, whose forces are based around Hengyang, recaptured several points in the vicinity. This indicates the Red drive South along the railroad has stalled.

Whether the bogging down of this drive from Hankow will delay the day of reckoning is yet to be answered. A captured Canton would be of limited use to the Communists as long as Pai's forces stayed astride the railway between Hankow and Canton.

The Reds had hoped to break or lessen the effect of the coastal blockade by capturing Canton and then routing essential commerce into Red China via the Canton-Hankow rail-way.

#### Reds Confer

Describing events in the vast battle area of Hupeh and Hunan, where Red General Lin Pao's juggernaut rolled South after crossing the Yangtze at Hankow and then ground to a stop after taking Changsha, the Communist Liberation Daily said in a despatch from Hankow on Sunday:

"Lin Pao has called Communist leaders to Hupin to a conference to study the general situation. It was admitted some cities in South West Hupeh still are in Nationalist hands."

In liberated areas, only the upper structure of the Kuomintang regime has been smashed. Armed bandits and secret agents still exist everywhere. Feudal forces still control the political, economic, military and ideological aspects in the villages. They are systematically engaged in armed resistance or sabotage. They are spreading rumours and refusing to pay taxes and causing social disturbances.

"The Communists decided on a long-term plan to consolidate their position by screening those reactionaries who顽固ly remain in the Communist camp, eliminating corruption among Communists, and increase political vigilance."

This hints that Lin, here of the Manchurian campaign, has found a somewhat unco-operative countryside as he moved South of the Yangtze from Hankow.

It appears that resistance from the population, coupled with Pai Chung-hsi's stand around Hengyang, has temporarily at least taken the punch out of Lin's forces—once rated as the strongest forces the Reds threw across the Yangtze.

The British source termed it a trade of information and a co-operation of effort to achieve mutual interests.

This was the first official indication that joint plans against Comindia aggression would be discussed here, although informed quarters had speculated on this point.

Mr. MacDonald will get the complete picture that General MacArthur's experts had been giving visiting American officials. This includes talks by General MacArthur's section chiefs who make extensive use of prepared charts, maps and other elaborate equipment.—United Press.

**Peasant Troubles**

The Reds admit they have been having peasant troubles all the way from Manchuria to the present.

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The British position was that it would prejudice the Greek case in the United Nations' consideration of the dispute.

Earlier, British press reports claimed that Mr. Attlee had cabled the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, on board the Mauritania about disturbing developments in the Balkans following his conference with Mr. Tito.

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Mr. J. H. Ruttonjee, CBE, (right) at the opening of the new Sikh Temple at Queen's Road, East yesterday. With him is the President of the Temple, Mr. Ujagar Singh.

## Opening Ceremony At Sikh Temple

"The world today is full of spiritual darkness. New forces of revolution would deny the supernatural, and would rob man of all that is spiritual—all that has illuminated and vitalised the great civilisations of the world."

Thus spoke Mr. J. H. Ruttonjee, CBE, in the course of a speech at the opening of the Sikh Temple at Queen's Road, East, yesterday.

## Suspect Falls From Verandah

A Chinese man, suspected by the police to have had connection with an armed robbery which occurred recently in Kowloon, fell down from a verandah, and was seriously injured on the head, legs and arms.

The incident took place at Prince Edward Road, Kowloon, shortly after 1 a.m. yesterday.

It was learned that the police, acting on information, surrounded the top floor of house No. 364. The man in question, on hearing of the arrival of the police, dashed out to the verandah and plunged down on to the road, it was alleged.

### Fell On Car

At that time, there was a parked car in front of the door of No. 364. The man fell onto the front portion of the car, and seriously injured himself. The impact was so great that some window glasses in the car were broken and the car itself was badly damaged.

An ambulance was immediately sent for by the police, and the injured man was rushed to the Kowloon Hospital.

Shortly after the incident Mr. Blair-Kerr, second magistrate of Kowloon, accompanied by police officers, arrived at the hospital where they took down the man's statement for further police enquiries.

It was revealed that the injured man, Wong Yeok-kai, aged 22, native of Hunan, arrived in the Colony sometime last year. He lodged at the above address with a friend whom he had met in the interior of China.

The President of the Temple, Mr. Ujagar Singh, then thanked the speaker for performing the ceremony.

He went on to recall that it was the third time the temple promises had been built on the same site. The site was leased by Government in 1901, and the first Temple was built in 1902. Because of increasing numbers of the community the accommodation was found inadequate for its needs, a more spacious temple was built in 1935.

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## "Economic Offensive" In SE Asia

Manila, September 3.  
To clear the way for the development of the Republic's international trade relations, the Philippine Government is reportedly reported to be contemplating launching an "economic offensive" covering all non-Communist countries in South East Asia.

A possible forerunner of this new trade drive, the report said, would be a bilateral agreement on commerce, friendship and navigation with Thailand, based fundamentally on the barter system.

Under such a proposal the Thai Government would supply the Philippines' normal rice requirements in exchange for sugar and hemp.

Other South East Asian countries are said to be interested in signing similar barter pacts with the Philippines, including India, Pakistan, Burma and Indonesia.—Reuter.

## SHIP'S CARGO CONFISCATED

Bremen, September 3.  
A British military court in Bremerhaven today ordered the seizure of about 90 per cent of the alleged contraband cargo of the 3,000-ton Israeli freighter Dromit, the German news agency, DPA, reported.

The seized goods will be handed over to the Hanover authorities for sale and the ship will be allowed to continue to Israel with the remainder of its cargo.

The Dromit was arrested at Bremerhaven by the United States' authorities on August 5 and found to contain 3,000,000 marks worth of machinery and tractors packed in cases labelled "household goods".—United Press.

The authorities were said to have uncovered a plot to smuggle the machinery out of Germany to Palestine.—Reuter.

## SHIP TIE-UP THREATENED

Honolulu, September 3.  
CIO longshoreleader Harry Bridges today threatened a worldwide tie-up of every "seab loaded" ship that has sailed in defiance of Hawaiian picket lines.

Testifying in Federal court, Bridges said ships loaded and sailed by scabs would be tied up all over the world by the recently formed left wing World Maritime Federation which he heads.

"I am president of the new world Maritime Federation, and that is something we can cut our teeth on," he said. He testified in the union's suit to halt the Territorial Government from operating the stevedoring industry which it seized recently under emergency strike laws.—United Press.

"But the members of the deplated community have not hesitated to shoulder the burden, and today as they stand here around this splendid new House of Worship they have every reason to proud of their loyalty to the ancient Faith which has sustained their people through the centuries.

"It is, therefore, with a humble consciousness of the honour which you have done today that I declare this Temple open to public worship," he concluded.

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He finished by thanking all present, as well as Mr. Puran Singh, the Honorary Secretary and the managing Committee of the Temple—especially Mr. Kang-hum Sing—for their co-operation in collecting the necessary funds.

The Reverend George Shee of the Cathedral, then formally welcomed the students to the St. John's Cathedral and its activities. He also extended his assistance to those in need of accommodation.

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## Plaque In Honour Of Amethyst Hero Unveiled

The Captain of HMS Amethyst, Lieutenant Commander J. S. Kerans, DSO, unveiled a silver plaque in honour of a former member of the crew of Amethyst at the Royal Naval Hospital yesterday.

The member of the crew, Thomas O. Baker, 20, was killed on April 20 by shore artillery fire during the initial attack on Amethyst.

Seaman Baker was attached to the hospital staff of the Royal Naval Hospital for more than a year before he joined the crew of Amethyst.

Baker was killed while attending wounded member of the crew during the Yangtse shelling of April 20.

The Chaplain of H.M. Dockyards, Rev. T.E. Gover, M.A., R.N., conducted the service, which officers and men of the crew of Amethyst attended.

Chaplain Gover read from Saint John, Chapter 11, verses 25, and 26.

The plaque was erected by the Sick Bay Staff of the hospital, and will remain in the Royal Naval Chapel.

Inscription on the plaque reads: "In Memory of Thomas O. Baker, R.N.A. Age 20 years. Late of the Hospital who lost his life on HMS Amethyst in the Yangtse River April 20, 1949."

**Death Of Former Pearl Harbour Army Chief**

Dallas, Texas, September 4.  
Retired Major-General Walter C. Short, who was in command of Army forces at Pearl Harbour when the Japanese sneak attack touched off the war in the Pacific, died at his Dallas home last night. He was 69 years old and a native of Illinois.

General Short had lived quietly in Dallas since he was removed from his Hawaiian command shortly after the outbreak of hostilities. His actions and those of the Navy commander at Pearl Harbour, Rear Admiral Husband E. Kimmel, were subject to a long and hot dispute and a 10-man Congressional committee delved into the record to see if the commanders should be charged with "dereliction of duty."

The committee, on no 8-2 vote, determined that Short and Kimmel were not guilty and the general, ailing even then, came back to his Dallas home from Washington, where he appears as a witness before the committee to declare that "I have been fully absolved from any blame" in the Hawaiian tragedy.

For a time in Dallas he worked as head of the traffic department at the Ford Motor Company assembly plant but Ford officials said last night that he resigned in 1948, about the time the Congressional committee was making its Pearl Harbour inquiry.

He had been seriously ill for more than two weeks and had been in critical condition since Friday morning. Death came at 8:32 p.m., a friend of the family, Scott Thompson, told newsmen. She said he died of a heart disease.—United Press.

**Burning Rain A Mystery**

Tilghman, Maryland, September 3.  
Residents of this community on Chesapeake Bay island are up in arms over a strange black substance which dropped from the skies causing skin irritations and burning holes in paint and clothing.

State police said the burning rain first fell on Thursday morning and similar occurrence was reported on Friday. They were told that on each occasion a plane flew over the area emitting a puff of white smoke which grew into a large cloud. Acid-like rain burned small holes in clothing and irritated the skin of persons who were outdoors at the time, according to reports.

State toxicologists say that the material was sulphuric acid. But they refuse to speculate on the source of the mysterious liquid.

Civil Aeronautics Administration officials in Washington are inclined to discount planes as the cause, however, because they use no fluid which could cause the conditions reported.

Air Force and Navy spokesmen are non-committal concerning the incidents. Harry Fairbanks, who is a Tilghman freeman, was sure that the substance came from a plane, however. He said: "Both times this rain fell, a plane had just flown near the island. There was a small puff of white smoke that quickly grew into a large cloud and then it began raining fine drops of whatever that stuff is."—United Press.

**Talks On Austria Wound Up**

London, September 3.  
The Foreign Minister's departure for Austria decided after telephone consultation today to call off their intended meeting on Monday which was to complete their review of the work of the present session.

They decided not to spend any more time on examining the records of the session just concluded.

The had already agreed that each deputy will report on the session to his own Minister and that there will be no joint report.

A reply was still awaited from the Soviet Deputy, Mr. George Zatubin, as to whether his Government accepts the Western proposal for a further session of the deputies, starting in New York on September 22.

M. Zarubin was awaiting instructions on this proposal.—Reuters.

**BURMA FIGHTING**

Rangoon, September 3.  
Tonight's military communiqué claimed the recapture by Government troops of Chawattin, important Communist stronghold in central Burma on the Rangoon-Mandalay railway. The rebels fled into the jungle in disorder leaving behind several dead and wounded, the communiqué said.

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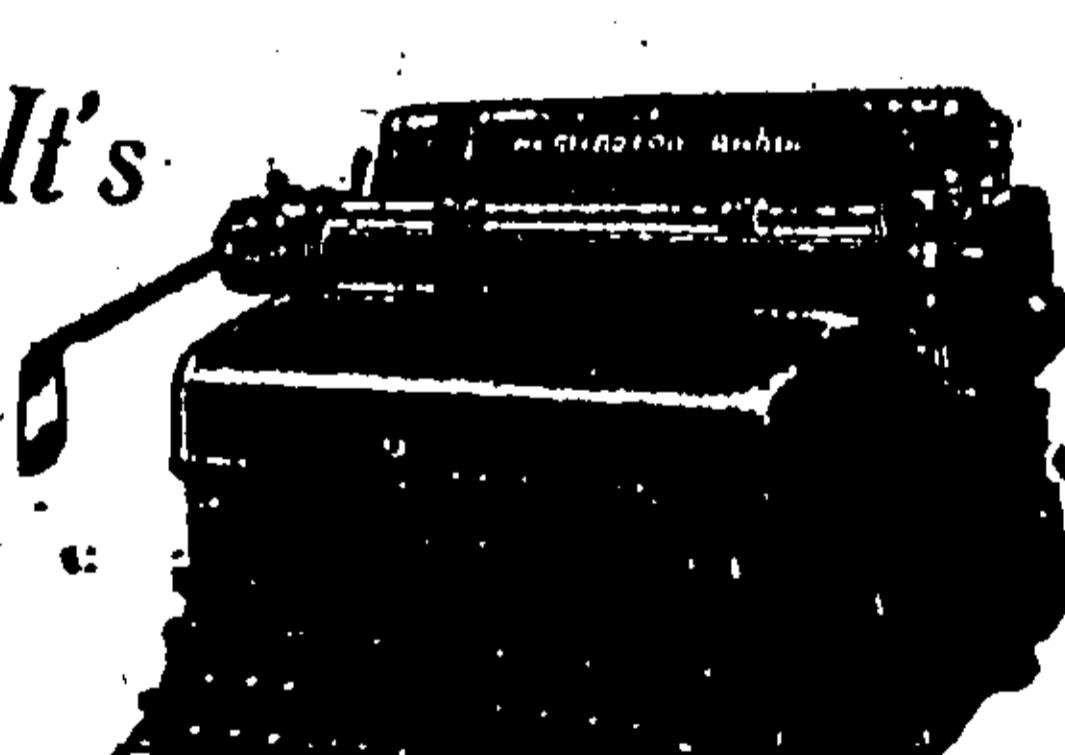
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About 70-odd former students of the St. John's University of Shanghai were present at a reunion tea party at St. John's Cathedral hall, Garden Road, yesterday afternoon.

The Reverend Gilbert Baker, of Shanghaia, after the tea, made a short speech, in which he recalled the period of transition of Shanghai from the Nationalists to the Reds. He also remarked that, fortunately, damage in general to the University grounds was negligible, and that the Communist soldiers were quite well-behaved as a whole.

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**AMPHIBIOUS JEEP TURNS BACK**

Eastern Passage, Nova Scotia, September 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Catlin, who hope to go round the world in an amphibious jeep, were back in port today after getting only 10 miles into the Atlantic Ocean.

They were forced to turn back when an extra fuel tank they were towing broke loose from the jeep's amphibious craft.

Catlin and wife set out yesterday from Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, and had planned to travel across the continent.

They had to leave the vehicle.

# A Policeman's Life Is Not A Happy One--Especially In The N.T. Frontier Belts

(By A "China Mail" Staff Reporter)

Engulfed in the wilderness of paddy fields, flanked here and there by desolate green-turfed hill ranges, in the Frontier Belts of the New Territories, one would expect a resident to lead a sedate life.

To most of the some 25,000 people who comprise the population of the 60 frontier villages that may be so.

But to the personnel of the Hong Kong "Frontier" Police Force, it is sheer 24-hour hard work—hours of patrolling mostly on rugged roads, enforcing the curfew, supervising the registration, counselling with the village Elders on civic matters, arbitrating in domestic squabbles and even rendering medical treatment.

For a Frontier Police Station in the New Territories is more than just a centre of civic discipline and protection.

The officer in charge must be a Jack-of-all-trades.

He is to the NT layman the supreme arm of the law in crime, a Solomon in domestic differences and a nurse in sickness.

When on official matters, the layman generally finds the "OC" impartial but stern disciplinarian of British law, tempered considerably, however, with justice.

Crime is a thing of the past in the Frontier Belts. In recent weeks no major outbreak has been reported.

Petty incivics is also negligible. Family frictions are common in the NT, where illiteracy rates are high. This, ironically, presents a major headache to the "OC".

More often than not the disillusioned spouse "breaks down" the supposedly hard-boiled "OC" with her tales of woe, liberally accompanied by the customary crocodile tears.

## Medical Help

Mental cruelty, NT version, comes from the husband's losing heavily in gambling and curtailing the house budget to ill-treating the children. There are deserted wives, too, who seek police aid in either reclaiming their husbands or working out a divorce. Physical assaults have been frequently reported by either party, usually the women.

Besides these civic responsibilities, the Frontier Police Station is also a medical centre to the population. (The Station, incidentally, is well stocked to meet the occasion.)

Minor medical cases are treated on the spot. Those requiring hospital attention are despatched to Kowloon by the police.

A favourite among the villagers are the pills—needed for all categories of "aches." These are generously given to bona fide patients.

It will be not surprising should obstetrics become part training of the Frontier Forces.

And how do the Police cope with all these varied duties?

The "OC" is a versatile character. Constructive study of rural customs and idealism plus personal tact and patience have enabled him to deal effectively with all problems that come his way.

## Excellent Work

He may not perhaps be a Solomon. He may only have elementary training in first-aid. Or he may blunder now and then in maintaining the harmony between the Police and the villagers through over-zgalousness.

But the successful results achieved during the past months serve as criterion of the excellent work being done nowadays in the Frontier Belts.

Of the six officers in charge on active duty now (one is in hospital), two are English, two Scots and two Irish. Trained in frontier operations (four were seasoned in Palestine) they are assigned normally to the Frontier for two years. They work under the supervision of a Scot from Moray, but are independent of one another.

The question generally asked: Is life in the Frontier too lonely for you. How do you usually spend your leisure hours?—never fails to amuse the celibates.

"Briefly, the candid answer will be: We have too much work to do to be able to think of anything else, except during our weekly days off. (And lucky is the "OC" who gets a day off every week of the month.)

## Relations With The Army

Company, however, is not lacking since the arrival of the Servicemen in the NT. The traditional "old school tie" and "home-town" sentiments help bring the men together at "stag parties" whenever possible.

Sometimes the "OCs" make official or social calls on one another. Now and then the Divisional Superintendent visits them.

I met the senior officer, Sir Edward, beginning the Frontier tour in the station office at Shatin. He had stopped en route to Kowloon to pay a call on the Divisional Superintendent, Sir George, before continuing on the NT. And, evidently, the general conditions in the Belts

in Cantonese and Mandarin. (This direct liaison with the villagers evidently contributes a great deal to his success in maintaining harmony in his district.)

At Ta Ku Ling Station—30 road miles from Kowloon—I met the Britons in the Frontier Force—"OC" W. Roach (Birmingham) and SI A.H. Wells (London)—who were then busy at registration work.

(This station has three substations—Lo Wu, Man Kam-to (Chicks Bridge), main roadway to Chinese territory, and Lu Ma Han. It covers 16 villages of 3,000 people.)

## Hill Roads

"OC" Roach spent eight and a half years in Palestine before he arrived here in September last year.

"I find it extremely interesting and educational in studying rural psychology and the Chinese traditions," said the genial, husky Briton, who is taking Cantonese lessons from a Government-employed teacher.

To him bachelor life in the Frontier is interesting and healthy. "We have everything we need here plus plenty of work to keep you on your toes every hour of the day," "OC" Roach said. "But once a week we sometimes paint the town red. That makes up for the rest of the week," he wintered cheerfully.

The tour ended at Shataukok—after a 30-minute drive, spiralling up and down rugged hill roads, built by the Japanese during the war.

At certain points only a footstrip of grass bank separates the road from the edge of the precipice. The path is so narrow that at several turns the space between the mudguard and the embankment is not more than six inches.

Shataukok is half British and half Chinese—stone blocks scattered far and between mark the Anglo-Chinese Boundary demarcated in 1898. It has a population of 1,500, mostly Hakkas.

"OC" Robert Neil Oliver (of Bangor, County Down, Northern Ireland) was formerly with the Royal Ulster Constabulary before he joined the local force in March last year.

## Sea Patrols

"We have altogether 40 villages, of which the 12 main ones are in the curfew area," the Irishman said.

Besides keeping vigilance on land, the Shataukok personnel have to patrol Starling Inlet, in Mirs Bay, by motor launch. "This expanse of water divides Chinese and British territory and no curfew is therefore necessary," "OC" Oliver explained.

Like his fellow officers, "OC" Oliver occasionally takes doctor "Shark bites and similar cases are common afflictions in this area," he said. "There have also been several shooting victims who crossed the border to seek Police aid at Shataukok. They are normally treated either on the spot or sent to Kowloon and then returned to China."

Another celibate himself, "OC" Oliver says he finds it expensive on the Frontier. "Food seems to be cheaper in town. We obtain ours from Kowloon," he points out. He has many friends in the Army.

Before leaving the Frontier Belts, I met Captain Bill Tin-lai, who commands the Chinese Shataukok.

"We control the political and military side here and co-operate with the British authorities very well," the dapper former Hong Kong Policeman said. Te 37-year-old British-subject Chinese

said all he would say.

## Yesterday's Wedding



Miss E. George was married to Mr. W. A. Garcia at the Registry Church at 4:30 p.m. yesterday. Photo shows the happy couple after the ceremony. (See Hall's Distemper.)

# TIME OUT FOR TEA



This is one of the rare moments when Officers in Charge of the Frontier Belts Police Stations take time off to entertain themselves. From left to right are: W. Roach (Ta Ku Ling), W. G. Morrison (Sheung Shui), A. H. Wells (Ta Ku Ling) and Mrs. J. Morrison. Sally Ann, 13-month-old child of the Morrisons, is shy of the cameraman—but generally the " prima donna" of Sheung Shui is liberal with her smiles. (China Mail Photo).

## Reminders

### Today

Crown Land Sale, at PWD office, 3 p.m.  
Whist Drive, European YMCA (for Civilians and Servicemen), 8 p.m.

St. Andrew's Church Women's Guild Meeting, 10 a.m.  
HK Women's International Club Social Open to Servicemen, 7:30 p.m.

### Coming Events

TOMORROW  
HK Rotary Club luncheon, Roof Garden, Hong Kong Hotel, 12:30 p.m.  
Bridge Drive (for civilians and Servicemen) European YMCA, 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY  
Mahjong Lessons (Servicemen free), European YMCA, 8 p.m.  
Toe II Club meeting, 50, Macdonald Road, 8:30 p.m.  
Grand Casting Meeting, European YMCA, 8:30 p.m.  
Chinese Manufacturers' Union Press reception, China Building, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY  
Barnstormers variety show for troops, European YMCA, 8 p.m.  
Kowloon Rotary Club Luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12:30 p.m.  
Y's Men's Club luncheon, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12:45 p.m.

FRIDAY  
Members' Council meeting European YMCA, 8 p.m.  
HK Light Orchestra Singers rehearsal, St. John's Cathedral hall, 7 p.m.

captain revealed that he was formerly the Commissioner of Police, Po On District, before he took his present appointment.

**Populace Calm**

The Frontier population knew him as the "Scarlet Pimpernel" of Shataukok during the Japanese occupation when he helped many refugees escape into Free China.

Captain Sin asserts that the Chinese population in his area is not perturbed by Communist military operations.

"We are confident that the Nationalist Government will turn the tables on them," he stated.

Captain Sin declined to answer queries on his local defence preparations.

"We are well prepared," was all he would say.

# 'Imperialist Intrigues' On Tibet Cited By Red News Agency

Shanghai September 3.  
"The imperialistic intrigues of the United States Britain and India on Tibet are designed to forestall the liberation of the country."

So says the Communist New China News Agency which adds that the three powers want to dispossess it of its independence and make its people "colonial slaves."

The paper warns here today that the "imperialists" to cease their activities or take the consequences.

The editor also warned the Tibetans that any racial minorities in China attempting to break from their mother country would become "colonial slaves".

It described the Anglo-Indian pronouncements that Tibet is not an integral part of China as "day dreaming."

The agency, commenting on the expansion of the Chinese mission from Lhasa, said: "It is true the Kuomintang reactionaries should be driven out from all parts of China but that should be done in the revolutionary struggle of the Chinese people under the leadership of the Communist Party."

For Britain and India to do it is a "risky stupidity," it said.

## All Nonsense"

In New Delhi, an Indian Government spokesman said today that the Chinese Communist charges that India is planning to annex Tibet are "all nonsense."

The Communist report that the Indian Prime Minister, Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru, plans to visit Tibet is equally untrue, he said.

An R-C 82 "Flying Boxcar" crashed in flames in a marsh near here last night, killing the pilot and co-pilot, after an unsuccessful attempt to land.

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Notice is hereby given that the Register of Members of the Company will be closed from the 24th day of August to the 6th day of September, 1949, both days inclusive.

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Further particulars are available from the Government Gazette of 2nd Sept., 1949 or from the Crown Lands & Survey Office.

ANDREW NICOL,  
Actg.  
Director of Public Works.  
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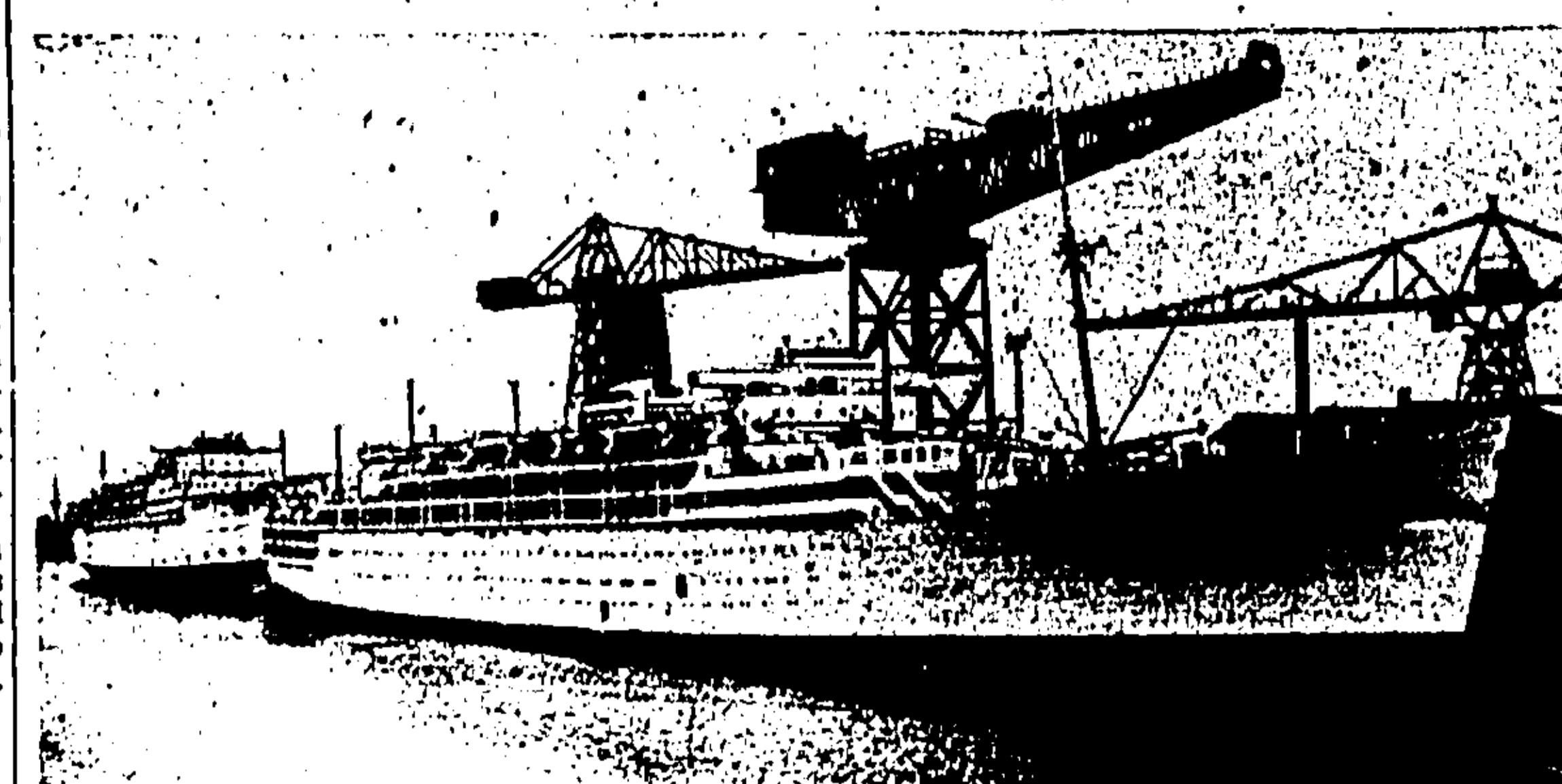
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Mr. Tze To Lee (T. T. Lee) has this date, September 5th, 1949 terminated his services for our company, and all transaction of the said company shall be managed by Mr. K. S. Lau of Messrs. K. S. Lau & Co.

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## Australian Paper Disagrees With SCAP Views On Japanese

Sydney, September 3. The "Sunday Sun," today expressed disagreement with General MacArthur's anniversary statement that Japan has earned freedom, dignity and the right to a peace treaty.

The paper is to urge the appointment of a committee of experienced Australian observers to visit Japan and report their findings to the Australian people.

The editorial is entitled "We want the truth regarding their Occupation. America has put up dollars and it can be understood that America has done the job the way she wanted it done. But Australia is entitled to an accounting. It seems the time has come when the Commonwealth Government should appoint a panel of experienced observers to visit Japan and report their findings to the nation."

## Too Uncritical

The Sydney Sunday Herald said: "General MacArthur's views on the progress of the Japanese—renewed on every anniversary of their surrender—leaves most of the Australians cold. No Australian would wish to appear uncaring or grudging in relation to the achievements of SCAP in Japan."

"MacArthur is close to the Japanese; we in Australia are far away. It may be that distance—and memory—lend an excess of disenchantment to the view."

"All the same we would trust the General's judgment more if he appeared less uncritical of his former enemy protégés, if he showed some reserve in his estimates of their conversion, if he were not so ready to exchange the role of an Allied watchdog for that of demi-dog."

## Misconceptions

"Can we really believe that four years of pacification and democratic indoctrination have turned a feudalistic Japan into a bulwark of peace and freedom? We would like to believe it but we do not dare."

"To suppose that the Japanese have learned nothing from defeat, that they are incapable of political reformation, would be despair of the future in the Pacific. But credulity and cynicism are extremes equally to beware of. There is no General MacArthur's policies that are disputed; these have been soundly conceived and ably applied. But we do want to be sure that misconceptions regarding the degree of Japan's conversion do not lead to a premature relaxation of safeguards against military resurgence."—United Press.

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East's bid of No Trumps at Table 2 was of the type made frequently by high-ranking players. It was based on two factors. First, West's willingness to lift the contract to three in the minor suit indicated a pretty fair hand which might contain a club stopper. Second, if either opponent had held a fair hand with a five-card suit in the unbroken clubs there would have been a chance that a not-vulnerable overall would be made. Hence, it was probable neither had five. Furthermore, even if one of them did, the opening lead might East had the ace.

Tomorrow's Problem

S Q 8 6  
H 10 8 7 5  
D 5 2  
C A J 10

S J 9 3  
H A K Q J  
H D K 9 8  
C 8 3 2

N S A 7 2  
H B 2 1  
D A Q 7 4  
C 9 7 4

S Q 10 5 1  
H 6 4 3  
D 10 6  
C K Q 0 3

(Dealer: West. East-West vulnerable).

West North East South  
1. 1 H Pass 2 D Pass  
2. 3 D Pass 5 D Pass  
3. 1 H Pass 2 D Pass  
3 D Pass 3 NT

Where: East tried for game in diamonds, as at Table 1, he was down before he received a chance to strike a lie for himself. South's club lead was overtaken by the A, the J scored, the 10 overtaken by the Q and here were only ten tricks left for poor East, who needed eleven.

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## POPE'S APPEAL TO POLISH CATHOLICS

### COLUMBUS WAS NOT FIRST

London, September 3. Ancient Egyptians crossed the Atlantic to discover the Americas possibly thousands of centuries before Christopher Columbus, according to the Oxford University anthropologist, P. L. Collignon.

In a report to the Atlantic research centre, Collignon collated data which suggested that Egyptian voyages to the West started about 20,000 years ago. It might well be asked how did these ancient Egyptians manage to cross the Atlantic, but it must not be forgotten, that the Atlantic ocean in remote times was not the same as it is now. The voyage across the Atlantic may have been much easier in those days when the whole of the Atlantic had not disappeared.

In his thesis, Mr. Collignon draws attention to the physical resemblance today between the Basques in Southern Spain and many Indian types in South America and even certain types of Japanese. It is known, he said, that the Basques are of ancient Egyptian origin.

In substantiation of his thesis, Collignon cites a number of research reports by prominent international anthropologists and emphasizes particularly the relationship between the names of places in South America and Egypt today.—United Press.

### Higher Standard Of Education

London, September 3. More than twice as many youths of 18 today have passed Higher School certificate examinations than was the case 10 years ago.

This was stated in today's issue of "Education" (official journal of the Association of Local Education Authorities) in reply to recent statements by Field-Marshal Sir William Slim, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, who said there was something wrong with the education system "or we should not be getting 2,000 chaps in the Army a year who cannot sign their names."

"Education" calculated that 2,000 illiterate Army recruits indicated a proportion of illiteracy of one per cent of the 18 age group and claimed that the education system should be congratulated on this, not criticised.—Reuter.

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He addressed a letter to Polish Bishops urging bold action and condemned violations of religious rights by the Polish State.

The letter was sent on the 10th anniversary of the German invasion of Poland and the start of the second world war. It was published today in "Osservatore Romano," the Vatican newspaper.

The Pope listed outrages against the Church in Poland, given rise to speculation that the Communists may have launched an all-out effort to destroy Catholicism's powerful hold there.

Poland, more than 90 per cent Catholic, has been spared many of the harsher Communist blows dealt against the Church in other iron curtain countries.

The Pontiff said Poland did not regain its freedom with the end of the war. Instead, he declared, the practice of religious life has been made even more difficult.

The Pope praised Polish priests for their firm resistance.

In the four years since the war, he added, their unvanquished charity towards God and country has been in no way lessened or extinguished.

The Pope said: "The resilience of the Polish faithful is proved by those who fell in the fight for Christ; it is witnessed by the expulsion of not a few Bishops from their Seats and by the many priests thrown in prison."

**Recriminations**

Listing recent blows against the Church in Poland, the Pontiff said: "Virtually all Catholic associations have been suppressed, religious teaching in the schools has been impeded, the free growth of religious or clerical Institutes has been forbidden."

He added: "The Catholic religion has been made the object of incriminations and of contemptuous treatment. Its writings have been increasingly obstructed by censorship; religious assistance to prisoners and to the sick in hospital has been denied."

"The exchange of correspondence between the Apostolic Sees and the Bishops and the Polish faithful has been made impossible. Finally, the practice of religious life has been made even more difficult."

"However," advised the Pope, "no fear must disturb the spirit. It is necessary that Poland is brought ever closer to Jesus Christ and the Church."

**Sign Of Nobility**

"This is the merit and the sign of nobility of the Polish to act strenuously, to suffer strongly, to hope invincibly, to reach the high goals."

— Reuter.

### Malnutrition Among Europe Immigrants

Melbourne, September 3. Twelve babies of recently arrived European immigrants have died in the past six weeks from malnutrition, hospital authorities announced today at Albury, on the New South Wales-Victoria state border.

The twelfth death occurred today, the hospital staff said, adding that the children were all aged between one and two.

They said that 25 other migrant children of about the same age are gravely ill at a camp near Albury, where European migrants are being adjusted to Australian conditions.

The Albury Hospital Board Chairman, Mr. J. C. King, said that in his opinion the children had not had good food since they were born.

"No blame can be placed on the camp officials as the children were so weak when they arrived in Australia that not much could be done for them", he added.

"They were sent to us in a dying condition. We called a special meeting of the Board during the week and wrote to the Federal Health authorities, calling their attention to the position."

"We have compiled a full report and are advising investi-

gations on ships bringing migrants out".

An Australian Government spokesman said that the malnutrition was undoubtedly caused by conditions under which the dead children and parents had had to live in Germany or Austria before coming to Australia. The children had received the best medical attention possible since their arrival in Australia, he said.

The spokesman added that the Commonwealth Health and Immigration authorities would investigate the deaths.—Reuter.

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Newcastle-on-Tyne, September 3. A psychologist gave British scientists today a tip about the best place for summer sweethearts.

"A trip of wild natural land along the river should be regarded as the natural place for summer courtships," said Dr. Dennis Champan, addressing the psychology section of the British Association for the Advancement of Science.—Associated Press.

### CEASE FIRE IN BORNEO

Bandjermasin, September 3. The Republican Army Command has ordered the guerrilla forces in South Borneo to stop fighting the Dutch.

The order, made on Friday, in effect extended the United Nations' cease hostilities agreement from Java and Sumatra to this isolated region, which has been tied up for the last few days in a general strike in the city of Bandjermasin and by violence in the back country.

The order, from the Republican Commander-In-Chief General Sudirman, was issued by Major-General Sudarmo near Kandangan, 80 miles North of the port of Bandjermasin.

According to the communiqué, the Republic recognised Hasan Basri, the leader of the local rebellion, as a Lieutenant Colonel in the Republican Navy Alai. But it did not mention any recognition of him as Republican Governor of South Borneo as he claimed to be.

The guerrillas were ordered to stop hostilities as soon as possible, but within a fortnight. The communiqué said that Hasan had received the instructions and he is prepared to execute the orders.

Hasan Basri has appointed Major P. Arya as his representative for contacting the Dutch authorities.

Sudarmo and an Australian army officer who accompanied him to Borneo as the United Nations' military observer, returned to Batavia today.—Associated Press.

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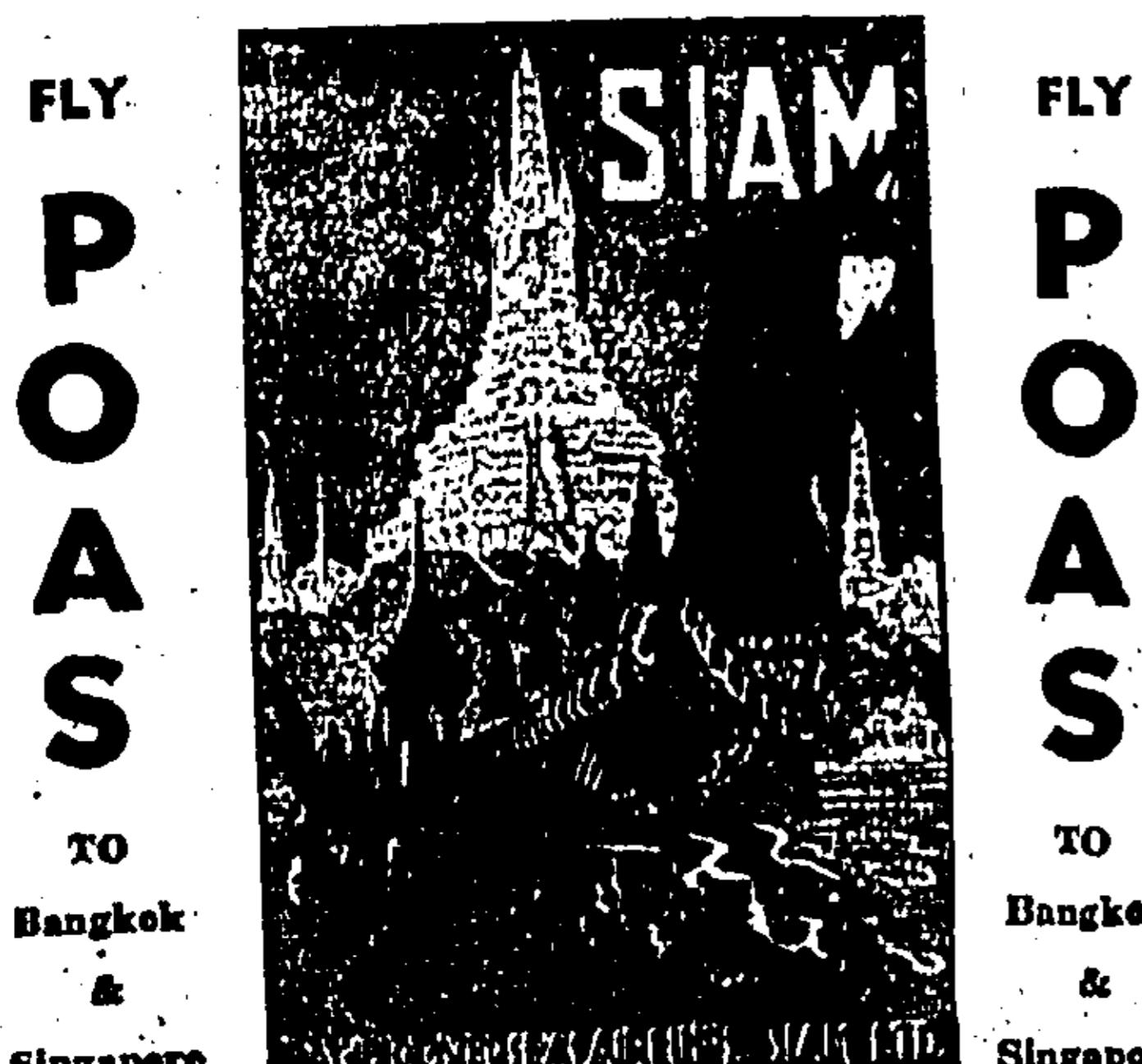
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### TITO VS. STALIN

Cables from Belgrade yesterday claiming to note an easing of the tension between Marshal Tito and Soviet Russia — founded apparently on the cessation of attacks on the Cominform in the Yugoslav official newspaper — were belied by another fiery outburst in the official Moscow newspaper "Pravda," which said, inter alia, that the Tito regime would not exist for much longer. The bad relations which have existed between the Yugoslav and Russian Governments—and given an alarming twist by recent Russian troop movements—can only be exacerbated by Russian press attacks of this nature, and, if Marshal Tito hopes to calm the troubled waters by gagging his own editorial writers, the attempt would seem to be doomed at the start. The rift between Stalin and Tito appears to be complete.

Moscow accuses Marshal Tito and his colleagues of conducting themselves "not as an ally, but as an opponent of the Russian Government."

Henceforth, the Kremlin says, Russia will not "support the Yugoslav Government's claims, especially those claims which it has renounced, although it conceals its renunciation from the peoples of Yugoslavia."

Here the reference is to territorial claims on Austria which, according to Moscow, the Yugoslav Government has already bargained away to the Western Powers, but which it continues hypocritically to press.

This curious and interesting development has an important bearing on the European situation. It has, for instance, already led Marshal Tito to announce the sealing of the Yugoslav frontier with Greece. Whatever enthusiasm he once had for the cause of the Greek Communists will not have survived their espousal of a Greater Macedonia policy and the prospect their victory would present of yet another Cominform satellite for a neighbour. Again, the economic blockade of Yugoslavia, which Moscow has decreed, forces Marshal Tito to look Westwards for essential credits and supplies of industrial products and raw materials. He has sounded out the International Bank for a loan. Indeed, strident and ill-informed accusations from Moscow that has sold his Socialist birthright for a mess of capitalist-imperialist potage are forcing him step by step into a policy of seeking an accommodation with the West.

This, from the point of view of the Western Powers, is highly advantageous in that it involves a serious weakening of the Russian Bloc. They should take full advantage of it in exactly the same way that they did of General Franco's estrangement from the Axis during the war against the Nazis.

The West, while holding no brief for the political philosophy for which Marshal Tito stands, can strike a shrewd blow in the cold war with the East by limited support of Marshal Tito in his duel with Stalin.

## INSIDE STORY OF THE BALKAN "COLD WAR"

By KEITH BUTLER

### Backdrop For The Dollar Talks

By RALPH IZZARD

One of the main tasks of the Personal Assistant of a Senator — apart from writing most of his speeches—is to deal with his mail.

Now the Personal Assistant to a prominent Senator told me the other day that among all the thousands of letters he and a number of his colleagues have sorted in recent weeks they have not found a single one written in support of either the Atlantic Pact or the Military Assistance Programme for Europe.

They put this down not so much to opposition as to public apathy. The same apathy undoubtedly exists over Britain's dollar shortage and the coming dollar talks.

The first thing, therefore, that Sir Stafford Cripps, Mr. Bevin, and those who wish us well will have to do is to overcome this inertia and produce a workable plan capable of striking even a slight spark of enthusiasm.

#### Sell The Plan

The next and far harder task will be to "sell" this plan to Congress—now in pinch-penny mood and increasingly jealous of American business interests.

At the moment it is difficult to be anything but pessimistic about the outcome of the talks. Neither Britain nor America has yet produced a proposal for the solution of our crisis which does not appear highly unrealistic to the other.

There is no reason to believe that Congress is willing to spare a dime, either directly or indirectly, beyond the aid we are already receiving. Additionally, we are getting some very bad publicity, some of it frankly malicious.

It is being commonly stated that Britain, having failed to secure any change from Mr. John Snyder during the recent London talks, is cunningly and deliberately sending Mr. Bevin with Sir Stafford in order to bring in Mr. Dean Acheson, who we, supposedly, feel will be more sympathetic to our cause.

The "Wall Street Journal" has been widely publicising its belief that Sir Stafford intends to place the blame for the United Kingdom's trade troubles on America, and will arrive with a trunkload of complaints indicating his disapproval of the American recession, tariffs, rules for rubber purchases, shipping subsidies, and the price of gold.

**Blame On You**

The "Journal's" Washington Correspondent alleges that in order to defeat this "you're to blame" strategy Mr. Snyder and his experts are coaching themselves in the right answers to the following questions, which are presumed to be on the agenda for the talks:

"How much has the business recession in the U.S. had to do with the drop in Britain's exports?"

"Will this recession end soon or get worse?"

"Will the United States agree to stabilise the market for raw materials in the future by making new price-fixing deals like the World Wheat Agreement?"

"Would Britain's trade be helped if the United States were to raise its 35 dollar per ounce price on gold?"

"How about bigger investments, private or public, in British colonial projects?"

According to my information we suggest such things as "an exhaustive examination into the circumstances leading up to the present dollar shortage" or "an exploration of fields of possible common agreement."

#### Need Is Boldness

There is nothing bold, daring, or imaginative about our attitude, and it is originality of approach which is most needed now.

The only original suggestion I have heard recently — and I do not know whether it is on the agenda—is the possibility of the United States accepting responsibility for Britain's deficit sterling balances with India, Pakistan, Persia, and Egypt.

This money was paid out by us to those countries to save them from Japanese or German invasion. Some experts here seem prepared to accept the view that the money was therefore spent in the interests of the United States.

Whether or not Congress views this view is another matter, but should they do so the whole of Britain's export picture would change overnight. There can be no harm in trying.

The Balkan trouble-brew is simmering. While Moscow steadily extends its squeeze on Yugoslavia, Tito has by no means lost his nerve. He, too, knows a bit of political Ju-Jitsu.

Most observers are by now convinced that Russia is not prepared risk an open invasion of Yugoslavia in order to eliminate Tito. Apart from the fact that once a war is started no one can tell where it will end or whom it will involve—least of all in the Balkans—there are several other good reasons why the Kremlin will not openly take the responsibility for military operations against the Yugoslav frontiers.

The Russians have not forgotten the fiasco of their invasion of Finland in 1940, when a Baltic "David" stood up for months successfully against a Russian "Goliath". And Tito has a comparatively strong, well-trained, well-equipped, disciplined army. Worse still, there are already serious cracks inside the Cominform.

In Bulgaria, Rumania, Hungary, Czechoslovakia and other satellite states there is simmering discontent. In some areas open revolt has broken out spontaneously. They are known to be growing anti-Russian movements inside some of the Cominform countries.

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It might need only the successful resistance of Tito—for a few months—to the Red Army, to give these anti-Russian elements in the satellite states the necessary courage to come out in stronger opposition to their Communist regimes and Moscow's domination.

#### Knows Too Well

This is what the Kremlin knows all too well. And this is why it is doubtful if there will be any open Russia military effort to crush Tito.

Instead, the Kremlin is using another favourite weapon, well known to the Greeks. Russian agents are active inside Yugoslavia trying to build up an anti-Tito guerrilla movement among the minorities there.

Inside the Yugoslav borders the racial minorities include some 1,000,000 Slav-speaking Macedonians and about 700,000 Albanians. Kremlin agents are working on these. They hope a guerrilla movement can be formed to destroy Tito and pull Yugoslavia back firmly into the Cominform.

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If Tito succeeds in this, and the present Russian satellite regime in Albania is overthrown, he will have won the first round. For Albania is a Russian satellite pointed at Tito's back.

For many months Russia has been pouring arms and all types of military supplies into Albania. Even heavy artillery, tanks and aircraft have been sent, according to reports reaching Athens.

They have been brought to the Albanian ports of Durazzo and Valona by Russian and Rumanian ships from the Black Sea and by Polish ships from the Baltic. A Russian "airlift" has been bringing military supplies by air from Hungary to Albanian airfields.

Some 10,000 Russian officers and experts are reported to be in Albania supervising the preparations and advising the Albanian and Greek Guerrilla General Staffs.

The Albanian ports on the Adriatic Sea have been fortified under Russian control.

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And Gt. Lt. Corporal Steele of the Royal Horse Guards is none the less going out of the Army in three weeks' time with a song in his heart. Alas, from the Army's point of view he is not the only one who is going! The number of Regular soldiers, experienced NCO's, war-seasoned officers who are not taking on for 21 years' service or who are considering resigning or their commissions is becoming alarming.

They are one and all "browned off" with a life which keeps them always trying to build up a battalion, a battery, or any unit into an efficient organisation, and just when they see it taking shape it all collapses as waves of National Service men become "free" again and a new spate of "Pressgang" victims are born.

Everyone of these men has his own solution for the problem. Not unnaturally, most of them are basically the same. I will try to record them for you shortly.

**Called Up With Unwilling**

It discourages Regular recruiting. The potential Regular soldier says: "I won't enlist. I'll wait for call up and see how I like it."

It is emphatically true that National Service as organised today does not work.

It makes the Regular Army nothing but a gigantic training machine.

It lowers to a dangerous standard the efficiency of all units.

**Red Mark On All The Calendars**

In the meanwhile the vast military organisation of the Rhine Centre (a superb Butlin's Holiday Camp) at Dusseldorf. He says: "It's typical of Army leave and rest centres. Beautiful chalets for married families, or shared by you and three or four of your chums. Wizard food and lovely surroundings."

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**High Naafi Prices**

He has few grouses. Except the main one out here—the high prices charged by Naafi. Three half-pence for a small cup of tea and 3d. or 4d. for a cake is a lot out of a soldier's pay packet.

And prices of everything in Naafi have gone up during the past few months. Moreover, Naafi tends to be the Soldiers' Club—the place where one finds an foregather after parades are over.

Naafi, incidentally, says that this is the first rise in prices since pre-war days and that it was economically impossible to prevent it.

Corporal Steele regrets the fact that soldiers—other than officers—are no longer allowed to wear civilian clothes in Germany.

It did not apply in his case; but he stressed the National Service men's second grievance—"Leave."

A "Conscript" now must have served eight months in Germany before he gets leave home to England. After four months out here he undoubtedly needs a break.

Big Army School To Teach War

He should be able to escape home from surroundings which, from his viewpoint, make Germany nothing but a vast school-teaching him the Art of War—which, in point of fact, he has no desire to learn.

Being fair, there are many sound reasons against both these complaints. Certainly, leaving issue training would become almost impossible and an "overall" low standard of efficiency would be reached throughout the whole Army of the Rhine.

Steel is quite open on his reasons for not continuing an soldier.

"I just don't like it sufficiently," he says. "I think the root cause is the complete lack of freedom. You can say what you like, but a soldier is a soldier for 24 hours a day—and for 365 days a year. To my mind, the rewards are not adequate."

Like Holiday Camp Of Service conditions out here Steele is representative of practically every soldier.

The owners of the ship have arranged additional amenities to make life on board more comfortable—Reuter.



According to the Nationalists in China, the war has been over their rods.

#### An Old Fox

But Tito is an old fox, too; and at the moment he seems to be one step ahead of Stalin in the war of rebellions. He is working and apparently succeeding in his design to stir up a rebellion inside Albania against Moscow's puppet Communist dictator, Enver Hoxha.

Reports coming from there suggest that there is a muttering discontent growing against the Greek regime. Gold always convinces the Albanians more than political argument. When the Albanian invasion of Albania had succeeded after the immediate collapse of Albanian resistance, Italian representatives toured the newly-conquered country and openly rewarded the Albanian leaders with sacks of Louis Napoleon gold pieces. Greeks believe Tito—and maybe the British and Americans—is financing the incipient Albanian rebellion now in the same convincing way.

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# European Delegation Mission To America Plan For Preferential Areas For Trade REDUCTION IN TARIFFS

Strasbourg, September 3. European representatives today called for American aid in building an economic union embracing member states of the European Council with special links to the British Commonwealth and other overseas dependencies.

In a swift-moving finale to its discussion of economic issues, the European Consultative Assembly took these and other decisions in a series of votes on a show of hands which, in nearly every case, was overwhelming.

The Assembly President, Paul Henri Spaak, did not announce the tally on any ballot. In most of them it was unnecessary.

Overriding objections from the British Labour representatives, the Assembly adopted the recommendation from its Economic Committee that the Council send a delegation to Washington on a twofold mission:

1. To seek America's consent to a preference trade area including in effect the Sterling bloc plus Western Europe.

## SAAR TO PRESENT ITS CASE

Strasbourg, September 3. Saarland President Johannes Hoffman stated here today that the French Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman, had authorised him to publicise the Saar's case for admission to the Council of Europe.

The Saar, now politically independent of Germany, is guided by France in defence and foreign policies.

Mr. Hoffman had talks with the French Minister last night after Mr. Schuman had told correspondents that the Saar candidate for the Council of Europe presents no difficulties.

A proposal for a "European University" was one of the ideas in a report presented to the European Consultative Assembly today.

The report, by the 18-member committee on cultural and scientific questions, made no detailed recommendation about the university, but suggested that the Assembly might discuss it at a future session.

The committee thought that a plan for co-operation might include the preparation of a series of impartial books on geography and history of European countries.

The ministers of education should be called into the conference to draw up the plan.—Reuter.

## Brabazon Moves Under Own Power

Bristol, September 3. The 130-ton Brabazon, one of the biggest airliners in the world, moved under its own power for the first time today—in a series of testing runs.

Test pilot Bill Pegg guided the monster up and down a mile and a half of runway at 10 miles an hour five times, while a team of nine technicians studied its 1,000 instruments.

Thousands of spectators on a nearby golf course cheered when the eight engines roared to life for the tests.

Soon, perhaps early next week, Pegg hopes to take the experimental giant on its first flight.

The Brabazon has a wing span of 230 feet, a fuselage length of 177 feet and a rudder which towers 50 feet from the ground.

## ABDULLAH ON WAY TO SPAIN

Tilbury, September 3. King Abdullah of Hashemite Jordan sailed for La Corunna today on an official visit to Spain.

The King came to Britain as a guest of the Government 10 days ago.

Accompanied by his second son, Prince Nafis, King Abdullah left in the Royal Mail liner Highland Brigade, which will make special calls at Corunna.

Generalissimo Franco is reported to be in residence in Madrid.

King Abdullah will visit Madrid, Cordoba, Granada and Malaga before returning for his return home in a Spanish ship.—Associated Press.

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## Allocations Of Rice To Be Stopped

Washington, September 3. The Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations announced today that international allocations of rice will be discontinued on December 31.

It was the one remaining agricultural product under international allocation. The decision to remove the final ban was recommended yesterday by the FAO's Committee on rice composed of members from 18 governments.

The Committee reviewed factors likely to affect international trade in rice in 1940 and decided it would not be feasible to develop allocation recommendations based on relative needs. This was the basic principle which guided determination of allocations.—Associated Press.

## SENATE BATTLE OVER AMERICA'S HIGH TARIFFS

Washington, September 3. A Senate battle, to give president Truman more freedom of action in lowering trade barriers, is likely next week.

United States tariffs will be one of the subjects discussed by the British-Canadian-United States delegations at the talks starting on September 7.

They will consider as a short-term measure, a simplification of customs procedure and the long-term impact of tariff barriers to exports to the United States.

President Truman would seek to remove from the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act, the restrictions on his power to cut import duties on goods from abroad on a reciprocal basis.

These restrictions, notably a "peril point" clause, empowering a Tariff Commission to fix a tariff point beyond which the President could not reduce import duties without having to explain to Congress, were inserted in the Act by the Republican-dominated 80th Congress last year.

Sir Oliver Franks, British Ambassador to the United States, today discussed with other Commonwealth Ambassadors the progress of preparations for the Anglo-Canadian-American dollar crisis talks.

**Labour Asks For A Truce**

London, September 3.

A Member of the Labour Government appealed openly to the Conservatives today for a political truce until the Anglo-American dollar talks have ended.

"Our representatives in Washington must not be hampered by political bickering at home," said the War Minister, Mr. Emanuel Shinwell.

"They should receive every encouragement because the issues are much wider than our political differences would suggest."

"On the progress made at Washington depends not only the fate of this country, but maybe of Europe and the whole world. It may mean the difference between peace and war."

"That is why there must be no stabilising in the back." Mr. Shinwell spoke at a Labour Party meeting in Ealington.

Meanwhile, a leading member of the opposition was laying down exactly the kind of bickering attack on the Attlee Government which Mr. Shinwell was arguing against.

The Conservative speaker was Mr. Brendan Bracken, Minister of Information in Winston Churchill's wartime coalition government.

Speaking at Hawarden, Wales, Mr. Bracken declared:

"Britain can never recover under this dithering and feckless Socialist Government."

"We can comfort ourselves by the thought that Britain must be very tough country to have survived more than four years of Socialist vivisection."

Such an agreement would run counter to the "most favoured nation" treaties these nations now have with the U.S. Hence Washington's permission would be necessary before one member could give its neighbours better trading rights than Americans would enjoy.

Earlier British Labour Assemblymen joined in approving a proposal for letting European currencies find their own level through free convertibility or, on being assured that existing controls on the Sterling-Dollar rate would not be affected.

Conservatives in turn supported a Labour-sponsored amendment for the development of "guaranteed markets" through bilateral trade treaties.

**OEEC's Work**

The Assembly turned down a proposal for the European Council to take over the Marshall Plan's European Economic Co-operation Organisation (OEEC), but adopted a clause urging governments to follow up and extend the OEEC's work in liberalising intra-European trade.

The Assemblymen adjourned in mid-afternoon until Monday morning, when the report from the General Affairs Committee will be examined, notably its recommendation for a permanent "little assembly" Steering Committee to sit throughout the year to carry on the Assembly's work.

**Strike Wave In Italy**

Rome, September 4.

Telephone workers tonight called off a country-wide strike which had been fixed for tomorrow after negotiations for higher pay broke down. There are to be further talks with employers' representatives tomorrow.

Sicilian trade unions tonight announced a 12-hour general strike throughout the island on Tuesday as a protest against wage levels generally and those of metal-working trades in particular.

Bank employees in Rome and Naples are still on strike for two hours each morning and all afternoon against a decision to open the banks to the public for longer hours. Elsewhere in Italy banks are working to their new timetable almost normally.—Reuter.

## MOSCOW VIEW OF THE CRISIS

London, September 3.

The forthcoming financial talks in Washington will concentrate on American, not British, economic troubles, Moscow radio declared today.

"The U.S.A. is preparing to take a running jump onto the back of the British Empire," a Moscow commentator said in an English-language broadcast. "The Washington talks are not at all connected with Britain. There are quite opposite aims."

"The focal point of the talk will not be the difficulties of the British economy, but the question of how to overcome the difficulties experienced by the American economy. Steady aggravation of the economic difficulties of the United States gives reason to believe that American pressure on Britain will continue to grow and assume more active forms."—United Press.

**CHINA ENVOYS TO LEAVE**

Shanghai, September 3.

The Brazilian Ambassador to China, Gastao P. Torio Branco, and the Argentine Ambassador, Juan Carlos Rodriguez, and their consuls have applied to the local authorities for exit visas.

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1pm Radio Phone Parade and An  
1.15 "News Weather Report and An  
1.25 "Intertel"  
1.25 "From Foreign Lands"  
1.30 "Close Down"  
1.32 "Hong Kong Calling"  
1.42 Children's Story "Catch That Spidey" by Gilbert Dalton.  
1.45 "The Sunday Times"  
1.46 "Sports with Wines" featuring  
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2pm "Portuguese Half Hour" (London).  
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2.15 "A Sheet Music Recital by Eddie  
Lisicki".  
2.30 "The Lake What I Like" presented  
by Alan Stivell (London).  
2.45 "From the Editorials" (London).  
3.15 "Weather Report".  
3.45 "From Theatre" "Correspondence  
in Back Stage" A Radio Play by  
R. M. Interno produced for the  
Hong Kong Stage Club by Gordon  
Wrightswell.  
4.15 "The Golden Hour" (London).  
4.30 "The Chinese Indoor" by Sir Ernest  
Rothschild with the Philadelphia Orch conducted by Eugene Ormandy.  
4.45 "Mandarin and His Orchestra"  
4.50 "Dame Geraldine and Her Orchestra"  
4.55 "Radio News Reel" (London).  
4.55 "Weather Report and Summary of  
News".  
4.59 "Close Down".

A strong tide of optimism ran through business offices this week.

From every quarter came reports of stepped up commercial and industrial activity in almost all lines of business, some of it purely seasonal to be sure, but nonetheless impressive enough to encourage analysts to feel that a fairly solid foundation has been laid for a good season if there is no prolonged labour trouble.

Outstanding on the brighter side of the ledger were:

A moderate upturn in the spot demand for both goods and services, heavier than usual forward buying for inventory accumulation, resumption of activity or preparations to start work in numerous plants closed or on short hours during the slack season, another drop in unemployment, a turn for the better in business sentiment that augurs well for numerous expansion and improvement programmes. These had been under a cloud of uncertainty when business was bad and getting worse.

There were other bolstering factors such as high level of industrial production, steady stock and bond markets, the lack of unfavourable business developments at Washington and nearby fact of Anglo-American monetary discussions that hold some promise of stabilising the current unsettled international situation.

While good tidings hold the dominant position on the business scene, there were trouble spots here and there that crowded in. Standing head and shoulders above all other sources of worry was the worsening labour outlook.

## Tension High

As the nation made ready to observe Monday as a national holiday in tribute to labour, tension is high on all sides. The largest industries and biggest labour unions in the country are awaiting a showdown over a fourth round of wage increases and a variety of special benefits for workers.

The first signal for specific action is expected to be the report of the fact finding panel appointed by the President to examine the controversy between the Steel Workers' Union and major companies that make up that industry.

While strike talk was soft pedaled, some well-informed corporation executives and high ranking union leaders said privately they feared the two sides were so far apart on basic questions it would be difficult to bring them together without some show of force.

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7.55 "Morning Weather Forecast".  
8.05 "Evening Weather Forecast".  
8.15 "Through the Looking Glass".  
8.20 "Good Morning".  
9.30 "Muddy's Music".  
10.00 "Morning Medley".  
11.00 "Music for All".

P.M.  
12.00 "Nostalgia".  
12.15 "Tone Time".  
12.30 "Internal Signal".  
12.32 "Hand Call".  
1.00 "Phone".  
1.15 "News".  
1.30 "Orchestral Concert".  
2.00 "Afternoon Musicals".  
4.15 "Today's Choice".  
4.30 "Cinema".  
4.45 "Music Makers".  
5.15 "Children's Corner".  
5.20 "Horizon Bell".  
5.15 "Radio Headlines".  
6.15 "Kingdom of Swish".  
6.30 "The Jumping Jacks".  
6.45 "Do You Remember?" (Peking Syndicated).  
7.00 "Candy-Light and Silver" (London).  
7.15 "Giant-Sugar-Cane Programme".  
8.00 "BBC News".  
8.30 "The Star Show" (Nottele).  
9.30 "Rediffusion Request Show".  
10.00 "BBC World News".  
10.15 "Local News".  
10.30 "London Studio Melodies".  
10.45 "Music for Dancing".  
11.15 "Starlight Lights and Sweet Music".  
Midnight Close Down.

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### MANILA

	SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"TASMAN"	6th Sept.	12th Sept.
"TJIBADAK"	8th Sept.	14th Sept.
"TJIBADAK"	15th Sept.	
"TJIPONDOK"	17th Sept.	
"STRAAT MALAKKA"	7th Oct.	
"BOSSUVEIN"	5th Nov.	23rd Sept.
"STRAAT SOENDA"	30th Nov.	18th Oct.

\* no passenger accommodation.

### SINGAPORE, PENANG and BELAWAN DELI

	SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"VAN HEUTSZ"	21st Sept.	12th Sept.
"VAN RIEMSDIJK"	7th Oct.	29th Sept.

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	SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"TJIPONDOK"	17th Sept.	
"STRAAT MALAKKA"	7th Oct.	
"BOSSUVEIN"	5th Nov.	23rd Sept.
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	SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"STRAAT MALAKKA"	5th Sept.	
"TJIPONDOK"	11th Sept.	
"BOSSUVEIN"	4th Oct.	
"STRAAT SOENDA"	29th Oct.	

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## HONG KONG WATERFRONT

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### In My Log

#### . Visiting the pirates .

One day during the week we lost ourselves in the rural wilderness of the New Territories, visiting two infamous places along the Coast—Mira Bay and Deep Bay—once the lairs of pirates, terrorising river shipping and the NT villages. But we did not meet any of the sea rovers.

In fact, they seem to exist no more as was apparent by the serene and prosperous outlook of the NT folks.

Crime is now a thing of the past.

(Thanks, of course, to our Frontier Police Force.)

Opinions that the pirates are resting on their laurels and thriving on their past loot are questionable.

(The Pearl River Delta pirates were reinforced considerably not long ago. And they often say birds of the same feather flock together.)

#### A Thrill!

The frontier road leading to Mira Bay is nerve-wracking.

We had our full share of the thrills we looked for when driving on this rugged highway, built by the Japanese during the last war.

There were times when we peeped out of the car window only to see space beyond it—a 100-foot drop into a smoky-green ravine. (Only a footpath of grass bank separates the edge of the precipice and the road.)

Then there were times when our car scarcely scraped the granite of the hillside as we snaked through narrow valleys.

And that Snaking fear is being ambushed in the dead-end hills.

To climax the day's thrill, the night drive for town saw us subconsciously cringing fingers—but we sped out of the continuous darkness safely. (Never did we appreciate so much the glittering lights of the city that night as we spiraled down Tai Po Road.)

Operating in all parts of the Harbor today—usually busy ferrying passengers and baggage from ships to shore—this craft is doing an important part in helping to relieve the pressure on local water transportation, which is heavily taxed nowadays with the influx of thousands of people.

The Harbour pilots utilise the sampan tien for their work in guiding ships in and out of port. She is the ideal craft because of her speed and maneuverability.

The sampan tien has a strong streamlined hull, with fair winds can sail within 15 minutes from one Star Ferry wharf to the other.

Easily distinguished by the "H" flag or sign painted on the bow, this craft normally lies alongside the Praya (opposite Wang Kee Company) or rides at anchor off Lyuen Pass waiting for the arrival of ocean-going ships.

Moreover, Russian cargo vessels do not maintain regular service. Only a few trade outside Russian waters.

(There are three today in local waters—Alvazovsky, Aldan and Azov. Two are in Kowloon Dock undergoing overhauling.)

#### Regular Service to Manila

A 10-day regular sailing between Hong Kong and Manila has been started by the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company.

Two ships are operating on this new run—Po Hai and Nan Hai.

Both vessels are classified as "100AI" by Lloyd's Register of Shipping.

#### The Union Jack!

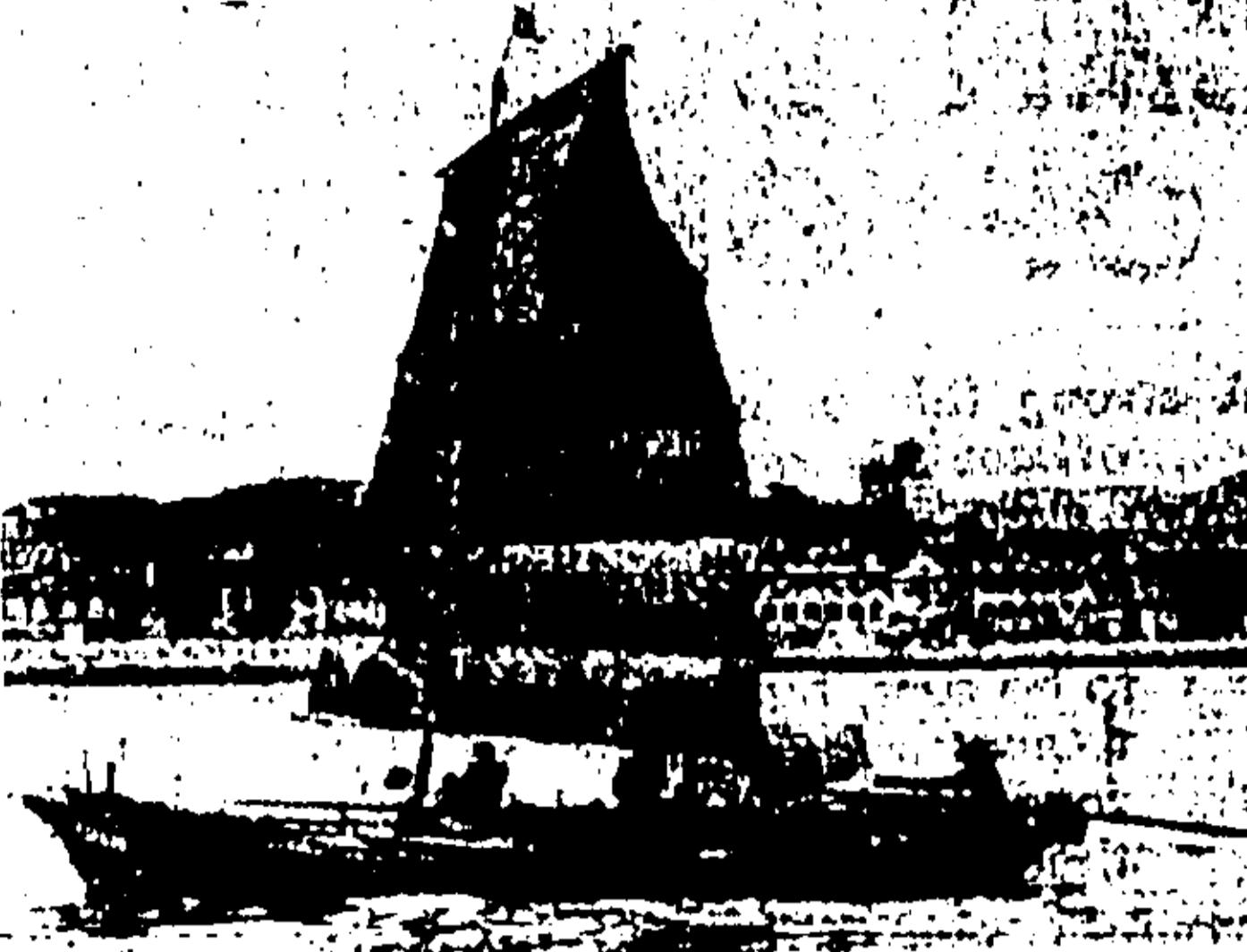
Foreign seamen in port have a pet quip after visiting the newly-named Merchant Navy Club and Sports Ground.

And they mean the Union Jack fluttering over the Club house. "We feel like sub-tenants when we are there," said a group of Americans.

"It would be better if they put up all flags of the nations whose ships call here regularly," another suggested. Or, better, no national flag at all but design one common emblem, he added.

(The MNC is open to all seamen of any nationality who visit the Colony. In the words of the Governor, who officially opened it during the week, "the Club of all seamen, their very own Club.")

No comments from British seamen.



This is a Sampan Tien—commonly known as the Rickshaw of the harbour—under way off the Yaumati-Typhoon Anchorage, loaded with baggage. She is manned by three women of the same family. The covering towards the stern is the only shelter from the elements. (China Mail Photo).

(Editor's Note—This is the sixth of a series of pictorial features to acquaint the general public with the numerous types of small native craft operating in local waters and their varied usages.

Through the courtesy of the Marine Department, it has been possible to identify the craft individually and obtain the necessary particulars.)

The Rickshaw Of HK's Harbour

Built on the lines of European sailing yachts that first made their appearance in local waters several decades ago, the "Sampan Tien," popularly known as the rickshaw of the harbour, is a familiar sight between Kowloon and the Island.

This type of sailing craft was the cheapest and favourite means of transportation before the advent of the "walla walla" or water taxi, for personnel of ships moored midstream.

The sampan tien is a strong hull which is shaped on lines similar to that of a European yacht with the exception that she has no yacht keel, but has a deeper rudder to offset this defect.

A new sampan tien with complete operational equipment at present estimates will cost approximately \$3,000 to \$4,000.

The hull is made of assorted wood, while the sail is of light canvas or cloth material with durable flexibility. This type of material is necessary because the speed of the craft is controlled by adjusting the sails, which are lowered and raised frequently.

The average sampan tien measures 29 feet with a beam of seven feet at the widest part of the deck. She has a carrying capacity of 130 pax. To man the vessel an efficient crew of four is needed.

There are about 250 sampan tien operating in Hong Kong.

Generally, a family resides aboard. It is common, too, to see two or three women operating the vessel.

### Who's Who

Business between Hong Kong and Japan is fast increasing, thanks to the frequent contact with North China ports by local ships.

So says Mr. Oliver Zi-Hau Hoeh-yeo to his Chinese friends Chairman of the Board of Directors of the China Merchants Navigation Steamship Company, the largest shipping organisation in China.

"Japanese merchants are looking forward eagerly to resume trade with the southern ports, especially Hong Kong, which is at present supplying them with Manchurian products which they themselves cannot obtain directly," Mr. Zi said. He returned from Japan recently after spending three weeks inspecting the CMNS branch office and present day Japanese conditions.

Many ships have brought down North China cargo. This is being re-shipped to Japanese ports by foreign ships.

"But none of our ships is involved in this category of business," Mr. Zi declared.

A "Diploma Engineer" of the Berlin Technical University (1929), Mr. Zi was formerly Commissioner to Reconstruction of the Fukien Provincial Government, Director of the Shanghai Tele-

phone Administration before the Sino-Japanese war and Director of Highway Administration of the Chiang Kai-shek Government.

Mr. Zi often flies to visit the branches of CMNS abroad.





# CHINA MAIL

HONG KONG, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1949.

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## WOLVES ONLY CLUB WITH FULL POINTS RECORD

London, September 3:

**Irresistible Wolverhampton Wanderers now stand alone as the only club in the four English soccer leagues with full points.**

Their away victory by two goals to one against the formidable Blackpool side, easily their best performance to date, was their fifth successive win by the odd goal.

Chesterfield, in Division II, and Stockport County, in the third league, lost their proud records, each being decisively beaten on their opponents' grounds.

Wolverhampton's fine win to day was matched only by that of last season's premier league champions, Portsmouth, who defeated all ideas that they were going to disappoint this team with a crushing 5-1 win at Middlesbrough.

This success follows a bad patch in which Portsmouth gained only one point from three matches.

Eight clubs remain unbeaten. They are: Wolverhampton, Manchester United, Liverpool, West Ham, Queen's Park Rangers, Middlesbrough, Doncaster and Crewe.

In addition to Chesterfield and Stockport other sides to suffer first defeats were Nottingham Forest, Bournemouth and Brighouse, all in the Southern Section of the Third Division.

Still without a win are Huddersfield, Bury, Plymouth, Bradford, Leeds, Watford, Bradford City, Accrington, York and Southport.

Bury and Bradford City have yet to earn a point. Southampton and Leyton Orient scored their first victories today.

### German's Feat

One of the best individual performances of the day was by a German, Eisenstrang, a Bristol City's inside-forward, who scored four times against Newport County.

Quigley, Sheffield Wednesday's inside-right, also netted four times against Chesterfield.

The big all-Manchester clash between United and City was marred by the ordering off just before time of Cockburn, United's England international wing half, and Lainacay, the City's forward.

City led by a goal at half time but could not hold the fast-moving United forwards after the interval.

It seems that the once mighty Arsenal soon may have to enter the transfer market to hold their own in the First Division. They suffered their third successive home reverse when Liverpool beat them 2-1, and the side generally gave a disappointing exhibition.

### Spur's Victory

England selectors were at Derby where Neil Franklin played his first game of the season for Stoke City.

They were no doubt weighing up the respective merits of the rival centre halves, Leon Leuty and Franklin. Both played well, the man of the match was Stoke's inside forward, Bowyer, who scored the winning goal in Stoke's 3-2 win.—Reuter.

## Yanks Beat Senators To Maintain Lead

New York, September 3.

Allie Reynolds pitched the New York Yankees to a 6-0 triumph over the Washington Senators in the American League today.

The win enabled the Yanks to maintain their 2½ game lead over the Boston Red Sox, who downed the Philadelphia Athletics. Reynolds held the Senators to three hits.

Boston unleashed an 18-hit attack against Philadelphia, triumphing over the Athletics 10-3 to move three games ahead of the Cleveland Indians.

St. Louis came from behind in the ninth inning and scored two runs off Bob Feller to defeat the Cleveland Indians 4-3.

The Detroit Tigers pushed over four runs in a big first inning and went on to defeat the Chicago White Sox 5-3 for their second straight victory.

In the National League, Monte Kennedy damped the pennant ambitions of the Brooklyn Dodgers as he pitched the New York Giants to a 6-3 victory over the Dodgers.

The Chicago Cubs came within one of equalling a major league record when they rallied for nine runs in the eighth inning to defeat the Pittsburgh Pirates 11-7.

The Cubs rattled over nine consecutive hits, interrupted only by

## Home Football League Standings

### FIRST DIVISION Goals

	F	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wolves	5	4	1	6	16	6	10
Manchester U.	5	4	1	6	15	7	9
Liverpool	5	3	1	7	13	7	7
Everton	5	3	1	7	13	6	6
Burnley	5	2	2	11	11	7	5
West Brom	5	2	2	11	11	7	5
Blackburn	5	2	1	12	10	7	5
Derby	5	2	1	12	11	7	5
Huddersfield	5	2	1	12	11	7	5
Newcastle	5	2	0	13	10	4	4
Nottingham	5	2	0	13	10	4	4
Tottenham	5	1	2	12	9	4	3
Villa	5	1	2	12	9	4	3
Bolton	5	2	0	13	10	4	3
Charlton	5	2	0	13	10	4	3
Manchester C.	5	1	2	12	9	4	3
Middlesbrough	5	1	2	12	9	4	3
Arsenal	5	1	1	13	11	2	2
Birmingham	5	1	0	14	10	2	2
Huddersfield	5	0	2	13	10	2	2

### SECOND DIVISION Goals

	F	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brent	5	4	1	13	12	6	9
West Ham	5	2	0	12	6	8	7
Blackburn	5	0	1	11	6	8	7
Blackpool W.	5	3	1	11	6	7	7
Brentford	5	3	1	11	6	7	7
Buncey	5	3	1	11	6	7	7
Queens P.R.	5	2	0	12	6	7	6
Cheltenham	5	4	0	12	6	6	6
Leicester	5	3	1	12	7	6	6
Leeds	5	2	1	12	7	6	6
Cardiff	5	2	1	12	7	6	6
Carlton N.E.	5	2	1	12	7	6	6
Grimby	5	2	1	12	7	6	6
Southampton	5	1	2	12	7	6	5
Brentford	5	0	3	12	6	5	5
Leeds	5	3	2	12	6	5	5
Coventry	5	1	3	12	6	5	5
Brentford	5	1	3	12	6	5	5
Plymouth	5	0	1	14	12	1	4
Bury	5	0	0	14	12	1	4

### THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH) Goals

	F	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Notts C.	5	4	0	15	4	4	10
Southend	5	3	1	15	4	4	9
Brentford	5	3	1	15	4	4	9
Newcastle	5	3	1	15	4	4	9
Brentwood	5	1	1	15	4	4	9
Port Vale	5	2	2	12	5	3	8
Newrich	5	3	0	12	5	3	8
Torquay	5	1	2	12	5	3	8
Swindon	5	2	1	12	5	3	8
Brighton	5	1	2	12	5	3	8
Millwall	5	2	1	12	5	3	8
Bristol C.	5	2	1	12	5	3	8
Aldershot	5	1	2	12	5	3	8
Exeter	5	2	1	12	5	3	8
Watford	5	1	1	13	5	3	7
Ipswich	5	1	0	13	5	3	7
Walsall	5	1	0	13	5	3	7
Newport	5	1	0	14	5	3	7

### THIRD DIVISION (NORTH) Goals

	F	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brent	5	4	0	15	4	4	10
Gateshead	5	3	1	15	4	4	9
Stockport	5	4	0	15	4	4	9
Transmire	5	2	0	15	7	3	8
Malton	5	3	0	15	6	3	8
Harrogate	5	3	1	15	6	3	8
Harrow	5	3	0	15	6	3	8
Oldham	5	2	1	15	7	3	8
Hutherford	5	3	1	15	6	3	8
Lincoln	5	3	0	15	6	3	8
Wrexham	5	1	2	15	6	3	8
N. Brighton	5	2	0	15	6	3	8
Bridgwater	5	1	2	15	6	3	8
Portsmouth	5	0	1	16	6	3	7
Chester	5	1	1	16	6	3	7
York	5	0	1	16	6	3	7
Arlington	5	0	0	16	6	3	7
Bromford C.	5	0	0	16	7	3	7

### SCOTTISH LEAGUE "A" Goals

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